Regular Session, 2009

HOUSE BILL NO. 372

BY REPRESENTATIVE MONICA

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

1	AN ACT
2	To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1573(2) and 1581(A) and to enact R.S. 40:1581(C) and (D),
3	relative to smoke detectors in one- or two-family dwellings; to provide for a change
4	in definitions; to provide for a ten-year lithium battery smoke detector in certain
5	dwellings sold or leased on or after January 1, 2011; to provide for exceptions for
6	failure to comply; and to provide for related matters.
7	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
8	Section 1. R.S. 40:1573(2) and 1581(A) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S.
9	40:1581(C) and (D) are hereby enacted to read as follows:
10	§1573. Definitions
11	For the purposes of this Part, the term:
12	* * *
13	(2) "One- or two-family dwelling" means a building containing not more
14	than two dwelling units in which one or each dwelling unit is occupied by members
15	of a single family with not more than three outsiders, if any, accommodated in rented
16	rooms.
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18	§1581. Smoke detectors; single and two family one- or two-family dwellings
19	A. All single and two family dwellings constructed after January 1, 1992,
20	shall contain approved smoke detectors. Effective January 1, 2011, all existing one-
21	or two-family dwellings at the time of sale or lease, shall contain, at a minimum, an
22	operable ten-year, sealed lithium battery smoke detector.
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1	C. Failure to comply with the provisions of this Section shall not cause a
2	delay or a stoppage in the transfer of the property.
3	D. The real estate agent shall not be liable for the seller's failure to comply
4	with the provisions of this Section.
	SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
	PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE
	GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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